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SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please revise the first paragraph of page 7 of the specification as follows:

1 One such profile is used in pipe 40, Figure 8. This figure depicts a bell and spigot coupling 43
2 which joins corrugated pipe ends or sections 41 and 42. The coupling 43 comprises ~~a plastic cuff~~
3 ~~formed by plastic~~ spigot cuff section 45 and plastic bell cuff section 48. The cuffs 45 and 48
4 optionally and preferably include metal cores 51 and 52, respectively. The spigot and bell cuff
5 sections cuffs 45 and 48 are formed on the corrugated pipe ends 41 and 42 as described above.
6 The plastic spigot cuff 45 has an annular groove therein extending in a longitudinal direction of the
7 first pipe end 41, which annular groove receives the first pipe end such that the first pipe end is
8 embedded in the spigot cuff 45. Similarly, the plastic bell cuff 48 has an annular groove therein
9 extending in a longitudinal direction of the second pipe end 42, which annular groove receives the
10 second pipe end such that the second pipe end is embedded in the bell cuff. The plastic spigot cuff
11 section 45 and the plastic bell cuff section 48 are joined to their respective pipe ends by joints 53
12 and 54. Conveniently, when plastic coated pipes are used, as described above, these joints are
13 plastic welds. Other types of joints can be used, such as bolts or rivets, but plastic welds are
14 preferred. Also, wire hoops such as or similar to 31 and 32 can be used to augment the couplings
15 43 and can be used in conjunction with cuffs having shoulders similar to the shoulders 39, Figure
16 2. The couplings 43 are applicable to a variety of pipes and pipe sizes.